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In Re the Application of:

ALBERTO ET AL.

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Title: METAL COMPLEXES HAVING  
VITAMIN B12 AS A LIGAND

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents  
PO Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

For entry into the U.S. National Stage from the PCT, the above-identified national stage application is concurrently being amended as follows. Claims 11 and 14 are not being entered and are therefore cancelled from examination, Claims 17-23 are being added, and Claims 1-10, 12-13 and 15-16 are being amended. Accordingly, 21 claims (Claims 1-10, 12-13 and 15-23) are initially being presented for examination. Of those 21 claims, four (Claims 1, 12, 13 and 15) are independent. Thus, only filing fee believed to be due under 37 CFR 1.16(b) & (c) are a fee for one independent claim in excess of the allotted three, and a fee of one claim in excess of the allotted twenty. Accordingly, please charge a fee of \$250.00 to Deposit Account 13-1160 as the fee for entry of this Preliminary Amendment.

The above-mentioned revisions of the claims are reflected in the listing of the claims which may be found on pages 2-6 of this correspondence. To assist the Office, a clean copy of the presented claims follows on pages 7-10 of this correspondence.

It is believed that this application is in condition for allowance. Accordingly, early notice of allowance is hereby requested. Should the Office believe that a telephone conference would expedite allowance, the Office is invited to contact the undersigned.

Respectfully submitted,  
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